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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

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SUBJ: IRAQI ENVOY VISITING QATAR

1. IRAQI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HISHAM AL SHAWI, PAYING BRIEF UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO DOHA JUNE 18. HE CALLED ON AMIR AND FOREIGN MINISTER, AND LATTER HOSTED LUNCH FOR HIM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ON THIS TRIP SHAWI HAS ALREADY VISITED KUWAIT AND BAHRAIN, AND WILL GO ON TO UAE THIS AFTER-NOON.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL IRAQI OFFICIAL VISITS TO QATAR IN OUR TENURE, THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT GOQ HAS DONE ANYTHING SOCIAL FOR VISITOR. AS ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL, GOQ HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED IRAQ PUBLIC ENEMY NO ONE IN GULF; IT APPEARS DETENTE ATMOSPHERE IN GULF HAS HAD SOME IMPACT ON QATARI ATTITUDE. AMBASSADOR WAS INVITED TO LUNCH FOR SHAWI. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE AMICABLE PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH
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IRAQI DIPLOMATS HERE, WE ARE NEVER INVITED TO THEIR SOCIAL

FUNCTIONS AND WHEN WE INVITE THEM THEY DO NOT COME.

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